

## FIVE ORPHANS PERISH

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SEVERAL BOYS HORRIBLY BURNED

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Own Little Ones.

DALLAS, Tex., January 15.—At a late hour tonight the boys' department of Buckner's Orphan Home, five miles from the city, was destroyed by fire. Five boys perished in the flames and several others were burned. The dead are: Carlos Jones, Barrie Britton, Milton Britton, Martin Britton, unknown child.

Before Mrs. Britton, the boys' mother, retired for the night she had the boys clean out and prepare a stove in the room just under her for the morning fire. This was her usual custom. She then sent one of the large boys, upon whom she depended regularly for work of this kind, to see if the work had been properly done. He reported that everything was all right and she then retired. She had been in bed but a short time when the embers of the stove began to glow. She immediately jumped up to investigate. Even the door to stand on and she raised the alarm and runners were sent to all the rooms to warn the children to get out of the building as quickly as possible. In her anxiety to get the children out she neglected to assist those who were in her room.

After seeing a large percentage of the children had been removed from the building and that others would be out in a few minutes, Mrs. Britton suddenly remembered her own children, and running to her own room, endeavored to rescue them. She was alone, already injured, and although she fought the flames with desperate zeal she was unable to retreat with the frightened cries of her children ringing in her ears, knowing they were doomed to death. In the confusion which followed the children were being hurriedly assisted from the building, many were overlooked and several of the little fellows were severely injured. Then it was that the furniture was destroyed. The loss is not yet known.

## MCKINLEY'S CUBAN POLICY

Will Differ Very Little From That  
of Cleveland.

FRESNO, January 15.—The Dispatch tomorrow will say: "The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that which has been laid down by President Cleveland and his secretary of state. This statement is based on remarks as to a report made by the men who will be premier of the next administration, Senator John Sherman, at the United States senate. The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that which has been laid down by President Cleveland and his secretary of state. This statement is based on remarks as to a report made by the men who will be premier of the next administration, Senator John Sherman, at the United States senate. The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that which has been laid down by President Cleveland and his secretary of state. This statement is based on remarks as to a report made by the men who will be premier of the next administration, Senator John Sherman, at the United States senate.

## A DARK HORSE MAY WIN.

The Illinois Senatorial Contest  
Growing Complicated.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., January 15.—The senatorial situation was further complicated by the announcement of the candidacy of A. J. Hopkins of Aurora, who were from Washington that he would be wired Saturday. Mr. Hopkins' supporters claim that all the winning factions will unite on him, and that his selection is practically assured even in advance of his arrival on the battle ground. The supporters of the other candidates are equally moderate in their claims, all expecting a close contest. The contest is expected to be a close one, with a dark horse winner at the finish.

## LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Governor Budd Will Celebrate the  
Funding Bill Defeat.

SACRAMENTO, January 15.—Governor Budd has declared tomorrow a legal holiday to celebrate the defeat of the funding bill.

## A FAMILY FEUD.

Missouri Farmers Mortally Wound  
Each Other.

LEXINGTON, Mo., January 15.—As the result of a family feud, two farmers living near Dover, east of this city, are dying. Jonas Hackensmith went to the residence of Punch Evans, who lives adjoining, calling him out. Evans reached the door when Hackensmith fired on him with a shotgun loaded with buckshot. The charge struck Evans in the face, who went inside and got his pistol, firing at Hackensmith, striking him in the stomach. Both have large families.

## DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

The Town of Glendora Sustains a  
Severe Shock.

GLENDORA, January 15.—A terrible explosion shook this town to its foundation yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. It came from a fire that had been ignited in a large quantity of dynamite and 250 pounds of giant powder were stored in a back room and when the fire reached it the explosion sent the building, breaking window lights all over town and throwing burning brands for hundreds of feet in every direction. The detonation awakened almost every one in Glendora, two miles away, and was heard all over the valley. The store was located in a building adjacent to the one owned by James McArthur and his family. They had only time to escape with what they could carry with them and lost all their property and household effects. Neither of the buildings was insured. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The loss of the store and its contents will be more than \$5000.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Consider Measures Referred to  
Them.

SACRAMENTO, January 15.—The senate judiciary committee this afternoon considered Senator Burdett's bill exempting the wages of sailors and fishermen from execution. The committee agreed as to the wages of sailors as national laws make them provided, but could not see their way clear as to the fishermen. W. Black, representing labor unions, argued in favor of the bill saying that it referred exclusively to the men who go to Alaska in the spring. This was objected to on the ground that it was a general law. Final action on the measure was postponed until Monday.

The ways and means committee of the assembly decided to recommend for the passage of the bill appropriating \$75,000 to the state printer as an emergency measure.

The committee appointed by the legislature to inquire into the alleged public corruption in the state, after a session of two days, decided to recommend on Monday a rigid investigation of the matter by this legislature.

## OLD RATES RESTORED.

WINE HANDLERS AGREE TO  
FIXED PRICES.

Trouble Between the Corporation  
and Association at an  
End.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—The trouble between the Winehandlers' Corporation and the Wine Association is at an end.

The minimum price for wine has been put back to the old figure, and a result all in peace.

Hereafter the grade of California claret, upon which it has been customary to fix a "basis rate," will be sold at 20 cents a gallon at New Orleans, and the price of the wine of the state may be fixed at 22 cents a gallon.

The threatened disruption, therefore, of the relations between the association and the corporation will not take place, and the wine producers of the state may therefore go cheerfully on with their work, secure in the knowledge that for another year remunerative prices are assured them.

As will be remembered the Wine Association, the organization of wine handlers, and the Wine Makers' corporation, representing the producers, have been accustomed to agree at the beginning of each year upon a minimum price for the wine of the state.

The settlement, it was, therefore, a very important one, and the wine of the state will be sold at 20 cents a gallon, and the price of the wine of the state may be fixed at 22 cents a gallon.

The producers objected, and for a time a severe contest was maintained, but the wine of the state will be sold at 20 cents a gallon, and the price of the wine of the state may be fixed at 22 cents a gallon.

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## ADRIEN ON THE LAKE

Sad Flight of Michigan  
Fishermen.

CLINGING TO A BLOCK OF ICE

They are Carried Out on the Lake.

Friends Fear They Must  
Perish.

MUSKOGEE, Mich., January 15.—A block of ice a few miles square that is being driven out of Green Bay into Lake Michigan by a fierce northerly gale. The wind is blowing thirty miles an hour and carries a severe temperature and an occasional snow squall. The men are fishermen, clad only in the most tattered clothing worn while tending their nets, and unless the ice has been blown against Chambers Island or Green Island there is little probability that they will live through the night. The doomed men are residents of the little fishing village of Muskegon and are spending the night on the mountains of ice that fringe the beach westward.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock a strip of ice about ten miles long, extending south from the mouth of the Muskegon river, broke from the west shore and was carried rapidly toward the east shore of Green Bay, in the direction of Death's Door.

When the ice floe left its anchorage, thirteen fishermen from Muskegon were on the ice, tending their nets, but were so far away from the shore that they could not see the land.

Signals of distress were displayed, but it was some time before they were discovered and meantime the ice had swept well toward the middle of the bay.

Two yaws were manned and four men were brought to the shore, but the others, fearing help would not reach them, from Manitowish or Menominee, and rushed to the center of the ice, evidently intending to escape to Green Island and then reach Chambers Island or Door bluff on the east shore of Green Bay.

As darkness settled down, however, the ice was seen drifting well into the lake and fishermen think escape is impossible.

Estimates of the number of men on the ice vary. Some say fifty forty, others say thirty. The ice is large, and careful inquiry reveals that nine missing.

Besides the loss of life that now seems certain to result from the drifting of the ice, fishermen will lose many thousands of dollars.

FREE HOMESTEAD BILL.

Fears That the Measure Will Not  
Become a Law.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—The supporters of the free homestead bill fear that measure has been killed so far as this congress is concerned, by the action of Speaker Reed in referring it to the house committee on public lands for the consideration of the senate amendments. The house committee is not strongly in favor of the plan. The committee voted to report the bill to the house by a majority of only one when it provided only for free homes for the Oklahoma settlers.

The senate amendments greatly widen the scope of the bill, extending its provisions to all public lands, and it is doubtful whether the house committee will sanction the change. The bill supporters fear that if the committee does not make an adverse report it will keep the bill and take no action before adjournment, which course would effectively dispose of it.

GOLD MEDAL

Awarded to Prof. Swift of Mount  
Low Observatory.

BOHEMIA, N.Y., January 15.—Professor Lewis Swift of Mount Low Observatory, California, who is here on a visit, has received notice that the Royal Astronomical Society of England has awarded to him the Jackson gold medal in recognition of his astronomical discoveries.

Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—The following are prices furnished by the San Francisco Fruit Exchange, today:

Apples—Fancy, 15c; choice, 12c; fancy, 10c; choice, 8c; standard, 7c; prime, 6c.

Apples—Erasorator 5c; dried 2c.

Pears—Fancy, 15c; choice, 12c; standard, 10c; prime, 8c; pooled in boxes, 12c.

Pears—Fancy halves, 8c; fancy quarters, 5c; choice, 4c; standard, 4c; prime, 3c; pooled, 2c.

Plums—Fancy, 15c; choice, 12c; standard, 10c; prime, 8c; pooled, 7c.

Prunes—Fancy, 15c; choice, 12c; standard, 10c; prime, 8c; pooled, 7c.

Nectarines—Fancy 15c, choice 12c, standard 10c, prime 8c, pooled 7c.

Fig—Choice white 4c, do black 3c, figs white figs in 10-lb boxes 65c to 70c.

Raisins—Jubbing prices: In sacks or 50-lb boxes—Four-crown, 15c; paragon, 16c; 3-crown, 14c; 2-crown, 13c; seedless Sultanas, 12c; seedless Muscades, 11c.

In 20-lb boxes—3-crown London Layer, 1.20 per box; clusters, 1.10; Deheba, clusters, 1.05; Imperial, clusters, 1.00.

GRAIN.

Wheat—Fancy, 1.38; choice, 1.35; May, 1.32; barley—Fancy, 1.35; choice, 1.32; May, 1.30; corn—Large yellow, 77c; do, 76c; Bran—California, 1.15 to 1.20 per ton.

Letter From Maximino Gomez.

New York, January 15.—The Cuban junta today received a letter from General Maximino Gomez dated Omeiga, Mexico, December 28th. In it Gomez tells of the receipt of arms, ammunition and other supplies. He sends his thanks for the promptness with which the cargoes have been forwarded to him and adds that in the future he will let the junta know where to forward him other supplies and ammunition.

For Good Government.

SAN JOSE, January 15.—The executive committee of the state convention of supervisors held here last May met today here. Several resolutions made at the May meeting were considered. All were relative to good county government. Nothing definite was done but the committee adjourned to meet in Sacramento February 8th. The committee will confer with the legislature in regard to bills affecting counties.

## MURDERER ROE HANGED.

The Slayer of Mrs. Greenwood Pays  
the Penalty.

NAVA, Cal., January 15.—William F. Roe, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Greenwood, was hanged here today.

Roe was led to the scaffold at the appointed time. The condemned man did not falter in the face of his doom. He left his cell and proceeded to the scaffold with steady and calm step, composed expression on his face.

After attendance had bound his arms and legs, Roe made a few rambling remarks to those assembled to witness the execution.

The drop fell at 11.30, death following instantly. The body was permitted to remain in suspension for twenty-four minutes, after which it was cut down and placed in a coffin.

The crime for which Roe today paid the death penalty was the murder of Mrs. John L. Greenwood, on February 8, 1901. His companion in crime, Carl Schmidt, is undergoing a life sentence in San Quentin.

NOT FOR DAVIS.

The Cabinet Position is Out of His  
Reach.

CLEVELAND, O., January 15.—It is stated tonight on good authority that President-elect McKinley has refused to consider the name of Horace Davis of California for the governorship of the interior. The friends of the Californian are called upon Mr. McKinley are said to have received no encouragement and it is said they tonight decided that the task was a hopeless one. It is not known who will receive the portfolio of the interior. It has not been decided whether another Californian will be argued in place of Horace Davis.

Oakland Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—Weather fine at Oakland; track fast.

Six furlongs—Racing man, Nodeston 2, The Starbroke 3. Time, 1:14 1/2.

Mile and a sixteenth—Little Boh won, Lordy 2, Doyle 3. Time, 1:49.

Seven and a half furlongs—Oscar 1, won, Arrezo 2, Bernardillo 3. Time, 1:55 1/2.

Two miles—Fornal won, Forster 2, Peter the Second 3. Time 1:41 1/2.

Six furlongs—Nelson won, Roadrunner 2, Flush Day 3. Time 1:16.

DID NOT ELOPE.

MRS. DIMOND AND WILSON DENY  
THE REPORT.The Couple Are Evicted From Their  
San Francisco Boarding  
House.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—Mrs. W. W. Dimond and Charles Dillard Wilson, who eloped from Honolulu on New Year's day, have been staying at a family hotel here the past week, Mrs. Dimond first secured a room, and as there was not satisfactory accommodations for Wilson, he did not appear at the boarding house until three days ago.

The Honolulu man recognized the couple, revealed their identity to the landlord, who requested the pair to leave the house. Wilson at first demurred, asking the reason for their eviction, but when shown the morning papers he and Mrs. Dimond quietly left.

A dispatch from Major M. A. Hickey of Ocular Rapids, Mrs. Dimond's father, states that his daughter will return to Honolulu on the steamer Solana with her mother and a captain and a number of soldiers. During a number of skirmishes in Santa Clara, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio recently, the government troops have destroyed many insurgent camps and have burned a large number of huts.

The insurgents left thirty men killed and fourteen carbines on the scene of these engagements and returned with their wounded. The Spaniards had two killed and five wounded.

It is affirmed in legal circles that Juan Vial and Magistrate Ricardo Maya, of the tribunal which tried Julio Sanguinetti and Luis Soucellier, will be promoted respectively to be president of the supreme court at Havana and fiscal to the chief justice.

Rev. Samuel Payne, pastor of the Congregational church in Sanford, Fla., has written to United States Consul General Lee that he should look out for his son, as he believes he has been captured in Cuba.

Authority has been given to commence criminal case in the province of Santa Clara.

Captain General Weyler's edict of January 1st has been still further extended so as to apply to the province of Santa Clara.

Election Contest Law.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., January 15.—The senate today passed a bill requiring contestants of gubernatorial elections before the legislature to give bonds for the costs of contest to be paid by the contestant if he loses the contest, should the joint assembly trying the case decide the contest was not based on reasonable grounds, which was malicious or frivolous. Governor Turner has signed the bill and it is now a law.

## MACEO WAS BETRAYED

Further Proof Against Dr.  
Zertuche.

HE WAS WITH THE SPANIARDS

Palace Officials at Havana Exhib-  
ing Unusual Excitement—Secret  
Orders Issued.

HAVANA, via Key West, January 15.—It develops more and more clearly every day that Antonio Maceo was led into an ambush when he was killed. According to the statements made by prominent insurgents who have been interviewed with the task of investigating the facts of his death, Maceo was permitted to pass the military line across Pinar del Rio in pursuance of a small escort, was making his way into Havana province with the intention of meeting the insurgent forces, which had been ordered to concentrate at a place previously agreed upon when he and his followers were suddenly confronted by the Spanish force under Major Cirujuela. Maceo promptly ordered a charge, and led it in person, when a volley from the Spanish advance guard, composed of guerrillas, was fired at the insurgents and Maceo sank, wounded and dying, upon his saddle.

So far the account agrees with that given out by the Spanish authorities; but the insurgents now insist that Maceo's followers distinctly saw Dr. Zertuche, Maceo's personal physician, with the Spanish guerrillas, who apparently had ambushed the insurgents, and they point to this and other facts as a proof that Maceo was betrayed by his physician. It also seems true that the Spaniards succeeded earlier in obtaining possession of Maceo's body, hence it is to the credit of a horse and starting with it toward the Spanish main body.

The insurgents, however, rallied and charged again, obtaining possession of the body of Maceo, and carried them to a place of safety. The body was afterwards given a military burial at a spot which is known to but a few of the most prominent of Maceo's associates. This is the reason the Spaniards have been unable to find the body of their dreaded enemy, and explain why they have been unable to establish the fact of his death before producing the articles which were stolen from his body at the place of the ambush.

CLEVELAND, January 15.—A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Key West, Fla., says: Reports from Havana this evening are that the palace officials exclude Spanish secret agents and that some of the Spanish secret agents have been ordered out of the city. Two troop ships have been ordered up to the piers and several battalions were ordered to the city. The Spanish authorities are very excited and are carrying out a plan to find the body of their dreaded enemy, and explain why they have been unable to establish the fact of his death before producing the articles which were stolen from his body at the place of the ambush.

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